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SUBJECT: POL/HUNG DELS ALLEGATIONS OF CAN DEL WRONGDOING

1. EXTAFF VIETNAM DESK OFFICER JAMES BRIEFED EMBOFF
ON REPORT RECEIVED FROM CANEMB OFFICER SKRABEC (PROTECT
BOTH) IN SAIGON ON POLDEL/HUNGDEL EFFORTS TO FIND CANDEL
GUILTY OF WRONGDOING IN ICCS FINANCIAL AFTIVITIES.

2. MAIN POINTS MADE BY SKRABEC ARE AS FOLLOWS:

A. COMBINATION OF ACCUMULATION OF PERSONAL IRRITATION
ON PART OF HUNGARIAN AND POLISH DELS AND RECENT FOX
BUTTERFIELD ARTICLE IN NYTIMES ON ICCS FINANCES PROBABLY
ENOUGH TO PROVIDE HUNGARIANS AND POLES WITH MOTIVE FOR
TRYING TO DIG UP EVIDENCE OF CANDEL WRONGDOING.

B. CANDEL CAME TO VIETNAM WITH GREAT DEAL OF ITS OWN
EQUIPMENT. E.E., DESKS, FURNITURE, TYPEWRITERS, FILING
CABINETS, REFRIGERATORS AND VEHICLES. OTHER DELEGATIONS
MADE DO WITH WHAT COULD BE PICKED UP FROM OLD ICCS OR
"SCROUNGED". POLDEL AND HUNG DEL SEEMED UNABLE TO

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GRASP THAT GOC HAD PURCHASED ITS OWN EQUIPEMENT AND

WAS ALWAYS RESENTFUL OF CANADIAN ASSETS. RESENTMENT INCREASED WHEN CANADIANS TOOK EVERYTHING OF THEIRS WHEN LEAVING ICCS, LEAVING ONLY EMPTY OFFICES.

C. CANDEL HAS COMPLETE INVENTORY OF ALL ICCS HQ EQUIPMENT AND RECEIPT SIGNED BY PA&E REP FOR SAME.

D. COL. ORLOVSKY (OF POLDEL), ICCS ACCOMODATION OFFICER, REFUSED TO ACCEPT TWO ICCS VILLAS AND CONTENTS FORM CANDEL. CANDEL THEREFORE TURNED OVER VILLAS TO SECRETARIAT AND OBTAINED SIGNED RECEIPT.

E. VEHICLES RELEASED BY CANDEL ARE SUBJECT OF BICKERING BETWEEN HUNGARIANS AND POLES WITH NEITHER PARTY WILLING TO ACCEPT THE FACT THAT CANDEL HAS NOT SPIRITED OFF SOME OF ICCS VEHICLES. HUNGARIANS AND POLES REFUSE FACE FACT THAT FIVE CANDEL VEHICLES WERE AND ARE PROPERTY OF GOC.

F. CANADA'S REPLACEMENT NATION ON ICCS WILL HAVE VERY MEAGER PICKINGS OF VEHICLES, ACCOMODATION AND EQUIPMENT. POLES AND HUNGARIANS ARE LIKELY TO CHARGE THAT FAULT IS THAT OF CANDEL FOR HAVING "STOLEN" ITS ICCS ASSETS.

G. A CANADIAN NATIONAL STILL EMPLOYED BY ICCS AS "CIVILIAN PERSONNEL OFFICER" HAS BEEN ACCUSED BY A USA NATIONAL OF HAVING ACCEPTED AND KEPT A "SECURITY DEPOSIT" OF USA\$2500 IN EXCHANGE FOR A PROMISE OF EMPLOYMENT. CANADIAN IS NOT RPT NOT A MEMEBER OF CANDEL BUT FACT THAT HE IS CANADIAN COULD BE USEFUL TO DISCREDIT CANDEL IF ALLEGATION HAS FOUNDATION. A VIETNAMESE ASSISTANT OF THIS CANADIAN HAS BEEN ACCUSED OF ACCEPTING MONEY IN RETURN FOR EMPLOYMENT.

H. CANADIAN NEWSMEN, PRESUMABLY LOOKING FOR A STORY, HAVE BEEN ASKING INFORMATION ON PROCEDURES FOR AWARDING ICCS CONTRACTS.

3. JAMES EXPRESSED HOPE U.S. COULD WARN IRANIANS OF POSSIBLE TACTICS (PAR. F ABOVE) TO DISCREDIT CANDEL. HE NOTED THAT CANADIAN ICCS BUDGET SUBMISSION HAS BEEN REVIEWED MOST CAREFULLY TO INSURE ACCURACY.
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